

## Danbury Commission on Aging –Minutes February 24, 2020

Kay Schreiber, in Chair Mary Mazzucco's absence, called the meeting to order at 9:15 and presided.

**Attending:** Angela Hylenski, Kay Schreiber, Theresa Taylor, Sandra Urban, Connie Vitetta,  
Estelle Zimmer, Neil Corday

**Staff, Department of Elderly Services:**

Susan Tomanio - Director; Michelle McNamara - Municipal Agent

**Absent:** Mary Mazzucco

**Guest:** Nancy Keilty

**Announcement:** In Mary Mazzucco's absence because of injury, and at her request, Neil Corday made this announcement for her. Demands of her new job have made it unreasonable for her to continue as Chairperson. She is resigning as Chair effective immediately but intends to remain on the Commission.

**Minutes** of January 13, 2020 were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Continue plans for coming year guest speakers and public presentations.

Plans are in place for our June presentation. Beth Penepinto, the scheduled speaker, has resigned from Glen Hill. Kay Schreiber asked Melissa Marici of Candlewood Valley Rehab and Lois Morelli of Glen Crest Independent Living Community to replace her.

- Recruiting new Commission members

Discussion about early meeting time as an obstacle, tabled at last meeting: Consensus was to keep the 8:30 am time because any time will be convenient to some and inconvenient to others, but 830 am is more convenient for people who work.

Visitor Nancy Keilty is a prospective member.

David Lias has applied for a position on the Commission. Awaiting word from the Mayor's office.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Functions and roles for "Meet the Commission on Aging" event scheduled for April 21, 11 am – 1pm:  
Scheduled time overlaps lunch when the Senior Center is well attended.  
Susan Tomanio mentioned that other organizations have held similar events at the Senior Center. She will arrange to have our set-up in a prominent place with good visibility, and will advertise it in the April-May newsletter.

Kay Schreiber and Neil Corday will create a flyer telling what the Commission does and the purpose of the event. Commissioners' roles at the event will be typical "meet-and-greet" to introduce us to attendees and to find out their concerns and questions.

Susan Tomanio requested that we refer to her any questions about resources, home care, energy, etc.  
Michelle McNamara suggested we create a PowerPoint presentation to be shown on a PC at our table.

- Kay Schreiber spoke to Kathy Hull, Director of New Fairfield Senior Center, about a possible joint meeting of our Commissions to share ideas, solutions, etc.
- Motion to name Kay Schreiber as Chairperson. Passed unanimously.  
As Kay takes on leadership, she will consider whether a Vice Chair is needed.

**Adjourned at 915 am.**

Prepared and submitted by Neil Corday - Secretary